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The amendment filed on December 28, 2006 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claim is not readable on the elected invention because it is drawn to a nucleic acid, which is an invention non-elected in response to the restriction requirement mailed June 26, 2006, and which is independent or distinct from the elected invention directed to an isolated polypeptide.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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